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PERCENTAGE EXPENDITURE ON MEDICAL SERVICES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase the spending on medical services in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon; and

(c) the percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) spent/ likely to be spent on medical services during the last two years including 2007-08?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Yes, sir. The National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP) stipulates inter-alia that Government will raise public spending on health to at least 2-3% of GDP over next five years. The strategy adopted is to enhance the levels of public health spending by promoting comprehensive primary, secondary health care under the National Rural Health Mission, develop tertiary healthcare facilities under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) and concrete measures to arrest HIV/AIDS and other communicable and life style diseases.

(c) According to the Economic Survey 2007-08, Public spending on health inclusive of social determinants like drinking water and nutrition is 1.36 % and 1.39% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the years 2006-07 and 2007-08, respectively.